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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

USTelecom is claiming that residential consumers will not be affected by price hikes because there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace.

This claim is false. Sonic's residential subscribers, including myself and many other rural homeowners in my area, would lose our only option for quality, competitive broadband service. In fact they're providing both my internet and phone service via copper lines.

Even Sonic's fiber networks use UNEs to connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for all their fiber networks.

Only a competitive market will ensure that consumers like me have access to better prices. Incumbent carriers want to change that, and limit my access to the best possible service at the best possible price.

So, as a residential Sonic customer, I will be materially affected if this petition to raise prices is granted.

Thank you for your consideration.

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